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MINUTES OF THE FIRST MEETING OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON EXPLOITATION
OF FOREIGN DOCUMENTS *file*

1466, Monday, 18 April 1949, at [] Washington, D. C.

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Present: Mr. J. J. Bagnall, Chairman
Mr. Theodore Nordbeck, Department of State
Mr. T. A. Georgevitch, Department of Army
Lt. Cdr. W. A. Illing, Department of Navy
Lt. Col. M. C. Bonswits, Department of Air

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Consultants from FDS in attendance were as follows:

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1. The meeting was opened by the Chairman with a review of the completed findings of the ad hoc translation committee and the appointment of the Committee on Exploitation.

2. The mission of this committee was defined as follows:

To investigate:

- a. the scope of present collection and exploitation of foreign documents for intelligence information, in the field and in Washington;
- b. the present dissemination of such derived information.

To determine:

What adjustments in methods, techniques and processes of existing facilities may be instituted in order to increase the flow of source material and adjust the exploitation of such material to meet most efficiently the needs of the IAC for foreign information.

To recommend:

Any augmentation or changes of existing facilities which are determined by the Committee as necessary to provide the maximum coverage of foreign language material needed by the intelligence agencies.

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3. USSR Newspapers

a. The Committee reviewed all 52 Soviet newspapers currently being received in the US. All members were asked to determine any additional papers known to be received by any source so that a complete master list could be made at the next meeting and maintained by the Committee. Attention was drawn to the fact that 52 newspapers did not afford good coverage of USSR and members were urged to try to increase this number through their services.

Mr. Nordbeck reminded all members that the classification of "Secret" on the list of newspapers should be rigidly observed in order to insure their continued receipt.

b. All known exploitation of Soviet press, other than FDB, was reviewed as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Scope</u>	<u>Dissemination</u>
(1) JPRS	Primarily political and sociological Moscow press.	General
(2) Current Press Translations,	Moscow press for matters of academic interest.	Subscription
(3) Current Digest of Soviet Press American Council of Learned Societies.	Mainly Moscow papers. Academic coverage.	Subscription
(4) British Press Coverage	General	Limited
(5) ID-14	Krasnaya Zvezda for military only.	IAC

Members were asked "To what degree does this exploitation meet the needs of each of your agencies?"

Mr. Georgevitch: ID is satisfied with the provincial coverage now being made by FDB, but a more thorough coverage of Moscow press is desired and needed particularly for economic and military information. We would like to see FDB supply this coverage.

Comdr. Illing: Concurred with Mr. Georgevitch.

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Mr. Nordbeck: Present exploitation of Moscow papers is inadequate except for political and sociological information. We would like to see FDB exploit them for economic information.

Col. Bonaritz: Concurred with Mr. Georgevitch.

It was then unanimously agreed that FDB extend its exploitation of Soviet press to include economic and military information from Moscow papers.

4. The Committee then reviewed the list of known Soviet periodicals received in the US and members were asked to determine whether any additional ones were known. The master list will be brought up to date at the next meeting.

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5. It was agreed that the next meeting will be held at [] Washington, D. C. on Monday, 25 April 1949, at 1400. The agenda will include a review of the present exploitation of Soviet periodicals and a determination of whether this is adequate for IAG Agencies. It will further include the subject of exploitation of Soviet books and other publications.

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6. The first meeting was adjourned at 1600.

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